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DELETION OF PRIORITY CLAIMS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request deletion of the following foreign priority claims under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b), which are set forth in the enclosed copy of the "SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS" taken from parent Application No. 08/996,685, filed December 23, 1997:

<u>Country, Region or PCT</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Switzerland	CH 179/95	January 23, 1995
Switzerland	CH 1910/95	June 29, 1995
Switzerland	CH 3495/95	December 11, 1995

Applicants also respectfully request deletion of the following domestic priority claims under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and under 35 U.S.C. §365(c) of any PCT international application(s) designating the United States, which are set forth in the enclosed copy of the "SUBSTITUTE DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS" taken from parent Application No. 08/996,685, filed December 23, 1997:

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<u>United States Application No.</u>	<u>United States Filing or §371 Date</u>	<u>International Application No.</u>	<u>International Filing Date</u>
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